

YEMEN

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Key Figures:

20.7 million people in need

Over **4 million** internally displaced

Up to **1 million** displaced Yemenis living across 1,700 hosting sites

52,536 individuals (8,756 families) newly displaced in 2021¹

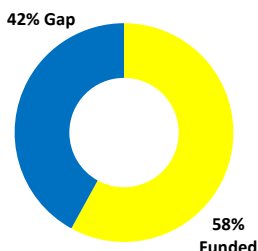
Children and women represent up to **76 per cent** of the total IDP population

129,174 refugees

11,800 asylum-seekers

Funding:

USD **271 M** required for 2021 operations



USD **158.3 M** received as of 31 August 2021

¹ IOM-RDT 17 August 2021

IDP Response

UNHCR assisted **53,549 IDP families (some 337,464 individuals)** with multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) across **19 governorates** between **May – July 2021**. The programme targeted displaced families residing across 49 districts classified as being on the verge of famine (IPC4+). To ensure long-term support, the majority of families received assistance to cover multiple months. UNHCR conducted regular post-distribution monitoring (PDM) exercises—the last one in July—to evaluate how the cash assistance contributed to reducing food insecurity. Results from May showed an improvement across all major indicators compared to PDM conducted in April, confirming a clear link between cash and famine prevention (i.e. food is available in Yemen but not accessible due to poverty levels amongst the IDP population). This was evidenced by the improvement in food consumption scores. The PDM also revealed a notable drop in harmful coping mechanisms, demonstrating a link between cash and protection. Only 22 per cent of respondents remained in critical need of assistance, a 61 per cent improvement since April.

This week, UNHCR partner Jeel Al Bina began the construction of 1,310 Tehama Emergency Shelter Kits (TESKs) in Abs district, Hajjah governorate. Partner Rawabi Al Nahdah will profile a further 2,625 families (15,750 individuals) in Hajjah to plan for future delivery of TESKs.

UNHCR continues to lead efforts to ensure access to clean water for some 70,000 individuals, including refugees in Basateen, Aden Governorate. On 26 August, UNHCR completed the installation and testing of three motorised water wells. The wells will be connected to a communal water tank to supply homes, schools, and clinics in Basateen with clean water for household use.

Refugee Response

During the reporting period, ten refugee children completed their placements in an advanced class at the Early Intervention and Learning Centre (EILC) in Basateen run by UNHCR partner INTERSOS. The centre supports children with disabilities who are unable to access formal education. The most advanced class prepares students to integrate into the general public education system in Yemen. Since the beginning of the year, the centre has supported 82 children, 56 per cent of whom are from Yemen. The EILC team organized a graduation ceremony to celebrate the children's accomplishments. In the coming months, UNHCR will provide assistance to EILC to support the centre in purchasing learning materials.



Refugee students celebrate their graduation from the Early Intervention and Learning Centre (EILC), following which they will continue their learning within the general public education system. © UNHCR/INTERSOS

UNHCR in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP) and partner Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS), distributed food to some 9,330 refugees and asylum-seekers in Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj governorate. All recipients received a monthly supply of cereal, beans, oil and salt to cover their basic food needs for one month.

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